

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: : T. Tran  
ANTONUCCI et al :  
Serial No.: 09/702,322 : Group: 1711  
Filed: October 31, 2000 :  
For: POLYMERIC...ABOVE 100°C:

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New York, N.Y. 10016

**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 26, 2002, please amend this  
application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claim 12** (thrice amended) A method for conditioning a polymeric proton fuel  
cell exchange membrane for operation at temperatures above 100°C, the method  
comprising the steps of:

- a: heating the membrane to a elevated temperature above its transition  
temperature;
- b: selecting a desired percentage of conversion of the membrane polymer from an  
initial amorphous state to a crystalline state;